

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312 after allowance and prior to payment of the Issue Fee. Claim 38 has been amended to correct a typographical error in which words were mistakenly included at the end of the claim. The phrase "within at least one end of the elongated sheet" has been deleted. The foregoing amendment does not appear to alter the scope of the claim because the deleted phrase is superfluous in that claim 38 recites that one hole is present in each of the two opposed ends of the elongated sheet. The foregoing amendment does not introduce new matter. The limitation regarding the location of the second hole is described in the Remarks Section (page 11) of the amendment submitted on February 17, 2004.

Entry of this amendment by the Examiner is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date. The Examiner may contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner finds that such a telephone call would advance the prosecution in any respect. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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